

REMARKS

This Amendment addresses the issues outstanding from the final Office Action dated November 13, 2006.

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Claims 1-3 and 10-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Katagiri et al. (US Patent 6841881) and Kado et al. (US Patent 7042073). Claims 1-3 and 6-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hiroaki et al. (JP2001-291821) in view of Kanemoto et al. (US Patent 6410987) and further in view of Goller et al. (US Patent 6683374).

Without acceding to the rejections, independent Claims 1 and 6 have been amended to recite certain distinctive features of Applicants' invention with greater particularity. Specifically, the claims now recite, inter alia, that each of the microcomputer chip and a memory chip includes a respective plurality of bonding terminals on an upper surface of the chip. Further, the bonding terminals of the memory chip are disposed along the second side of the memory chip (side adjacent to the long side), and the bonding terminals of the microcomputer chip are disposed along the side of the microcomputer chip adjacent to the second side of the memory chip. See, for example, Fig. 3 of Applicants' drawings.

It is apparent that the references cited in the outstanding rejections neither teach nor suggest an arrangement of microcomputer and memory chips with bonding terminals as now particularly set forth in Claims 1 and 6 as discussed above.

Accordingly, Claims 1 and 6 are patentable over the applied references and are now in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims 2, 7, 10, and 11 have been revised in view of the amendments to their respective base claims. Claim 13 has been added and depends from Claim 6. The dependent claims are of course allowable for at least the reasons discussed above with respect to Claims 1 and 6.

It is therefore respectfully urged that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn and that this application now be passed to issue.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-10006) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing

of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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